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TWO CENTS.

JOHN YOUNG'S DEATH

It is Investigated by a Coroner's Jury Today.

THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN'S STORY.

Those Who Saw the Old Man and the Two Girls.

THE LATTER EXONERATED.

In a little frame shanty on East Capitol street, only a few squares from the jail, there was a sad sight yesterday morning. John Young, an elderly colored man, who had occupied a room there in his brother's house for many years, had died, and it was thought that his death resulted from an alleged assault, for which two colored women, Agnes McCullough and Roste Washington, were under arrest. The affair in which, it was alleged, he received his fatal surface of things yet. There are many injuries happened Wednesday afternoon. and his death followed two days later.

When Deputy Coroner Schaeffer reached the house yesterday to perform the autopsy ness-like changes in the present modes of he found the body in the little kitchen. where there was every evidence of poverty and suffering. The door of the little room was in a dilapidated condition, and it was only good luck on the part of the doctor that the door did not injure both himself and the corpse when it toppled over.

numerous obstacles, and without finding any evidence of violence.

The two colored women occupied seats in the sitting room of the 5th police station this morning when Coroner Woodward and a jury of six citizens assembled to hear the gations of this kind on account of existing evidence and determine the cause of the old methods which, it is claimed, are in many man's death. Lawyers Moss and Peyton instances old fashioned and modeled to suit appeared for them.

Dr. Mudd's Testimony.

Dr. Mudd, who was called to see the old man, described the scene presented when he was called to the house. He found him lying on the kitchen floor, where some old clothing had been spread for use as bedding. His extremities were cold, he was puiseless and unable to speak. Peritonitis, he said, was the cause of the old man's death. There was no fire in the room where he found the patient, but, he said, the parties in the house gave him the best treatment they could. they could.

Eugene Gaskins, a colored boy, whose blue striped suit, red necktie and badge distinguished him from the others, was next sworn. He saw the old man with the two women. That was either Monday or Tuesday evening. The girls stopped the old man and asked him for five cents. Young told them to run and they said, "No, we'll give you ball".

they had been there awhile the old man cried "police." He repeated the cry several times and the girls ran. Young staggered away and went around the corner. He saw the girls have hold of the old man, but did not see them handle him roughly. Witness identified the prisoners as the girls whom he saw with the old man. Heard Cries of Marder.

Frank Gaskins, brother of the preceding witness, next appeared. His clothes were striped and checkered and he wore a revolver scarf pin. He saw the prisoners with the old man and heard part of their conversation. Witness heard cries of "murder" and "police" and when he went in the direction of the trio the girls left the old man and walked up 16th street.

Policeman Gordon, who investigated the case and made the arrests, explained the location of the fence and shed and also explained the streets and alleys.

Frank Gaskins was asked several ques-tions at the suggestion of Lawyer Moss. In doing so he denied that he was with the girls at the time the old man cried for as-sistance and when leaving the witness stand he pointed to Lawyer Moss and re-marked, "That there man's trying to work me in this case."
"Never mind," said Policeman Gordon.
"I'll attend to that."

George Betters, jr., colored, was called, but he said he knew nothing of the affair. He saw the girls with the old man Tuesday evening, but he saw no trouble, nor did he hear any outcry. James E. Wayne, also colored, gave cor-

The Women Exonerated.

Several other witnesses were examined but nothing new was elicited. The jury returned a verdict exonerating the women and they were released.

TWO CLAIMS CONVENTIONS

Being Negotiated Through Diplomatic

Officers With Venezuela and Spain. through its diplomatic officers, in negotiating conventions with two nations, under subjects by the Chinese consul general at | The committee is now considering the which the claims of citizens of each coun- Havana. It seems that Mr. Scharf, the try against the government of the other may be submitted to commissions, with a view tioned the official acts of the consul gento arriving at a speedy and satisfactory adjustment and settlement of them. The practically debar Chinese with or without corporation tax such as has been dis first of these countries is Venezuela, and certificates from landing from Havana, the negotiations with it are being con- It is alleged in justification of Mr. Scharf's ducted at Caracas by Minister Partridge, action, which, it is said, has so far met who was sent there shortly before the close with the approval of the Treasury Departof the Harrison administration for the especial purpose of bringing about some consul general at Havana is not as pararrangement for the prompt settlement of claims by citizens of the United States against Venezuela.

The principal claim now pending is that possession under such franchise was the basis for the claim.

other country is Spain, negotiations with which are proceeding in Washington between Secretary Gresham and Minister Muruaga. There are numerous claims arising out of controversies between the citiof the United States and the government of Spain, which will be submitted to the commission to be appointed, among them the celebrated Mora claim.

GUARDING THE WATER SUPPLY

Against Pollution From Surface

Drainage Along the Potomac. Col. Elliot's report of operations on the project of curing the pollution of the receiving reservoir shows that the excavation of the main drainage tunnel was carried on day and night during the entire month of October, and that on November 1 there had been 374 feet excavated. Two hundred and two feet have been timbered. The excavation of the shaft in the valley of Little Falls was begun October 12. Into this shaft, from the bottom of which leads the tunnel now being driven under Dalecarlia Hill, will be carried all of the polluted and other drainage water from the waershed of the reservoir. From the mouth of the tunnel on the southerly side of the hill the water will flow off into the Poto-To guard the shaft and the hoisting machinery from the water of Little Falis branch in floods the channel of the branch has been changed from the west to the east side of the valley.

Naval Movements.

The Vesuvius and the Dolphin arrived at Boston today, and will assist in marking and keeping clear the course on the trial of the Columbia. The U. S. S. Chicago tomorrow for Erie, Pa.

Being Looked Into by Representative Dockery's Commission.

Work of the Experts, Who Are Practical Business Men-Practically Unlimited Scope Allowed.

Representative Dockery of Missouri has returned to the city from a visit to his district. To a Star reporter this morning Mr. Dockery said that the joint departmental commission will hold a meeting on the 27th of this month and resume its work of examining departmental methods. MR. FULLER'S REMARKS. He thinks that no definite line of action has yet been agreed upon, but deems it likely that the members may visit several departments and give their personal attention to some matters upon which they desire to be enlightened.

Successful Work So Far. The work of the departmental commisston has proven more successful even up to this time than many people thought it would, it is said, and it is claimed that the commission has hardly scratched the branches of departmental matters which the committee will look into, and it hopes to inaugurate many economical and busi-

doing business. The commission has employed two experts from outside the government service, thorough business men, with practical ideas, who go through a department and inquire into details of every kind affecting the management of the department. They ask how things are done, why they are done, The autopsy was performed in face of the and if they conceive a more economical, more speedy, practical and thorough way of doing it than is at present practised they recommend a change to the commis-

Old Fashioned Methods.

There is said to be a good field for investia period when the business of the government was not as extensive as it is now, or when times and conditions were totally different. These old methods have been allowed to remain undisturbed, it is explained, from administration to administration, each successive regime of officials being content to transact the public affairs in the same way that their predecessors

joints and put in modern pieces that the commission has set itself to do.

Unlimited Scope of Action.

The commission has almost unlimited scope of action, as was demonstrated by the legislation recommended to and adopted by Congress providing for a change in the method of engrossing bills in Congress, ey walked over near a shed and after the old-time plan to be abolished and bills to be printed hereafter instead of written. theoretical and practical knowledge of great The commission will take cognizance of affairs of state and with a well-earned anything that relates to the Better trans- national renown as an orator, statesman action of public business, and can carry out its plans by incorporating changes in appropriation bills without their enable to points of order against them.

> EXAMINING COMMODORE SKERRETT. And Yet He is in 'Frisco on His Way to China.

A naval board, composed of Admirals Gherardi, Greer and Brown, met at the Navy Department today for the examination of Commodore J. S. Skerrett for promotion to the grade of rear admiral. Commodore Skerrett has just been relieved from command of the naval forces at Honolulu because it was believed he was secretly in sympathy with the American colony at he said: Honolulu in their desire for annexation to the United States. He was relieved by Admiral Irwin, lately detached from the Chinese station, who is said to have no feeling in the matter and consequently would be less scrupulous in executing the policy of his government, no matter which faction was affected.

Commodore Skerrett arrived at San Francisco this morning and will start for China on the 16th instant to take command of the Asiatic station. His examination at Wash- journ until tomorrow at the usual hour. ington will be confined entirely to his career as shown by the official records, and will be supplemented by a physical examination by a medical board at San Francisco in a day or two. There is no doubt of his promotion

CHINESE CERTIFICATES.

ury Sent to the Chinese Minister. The Secretary of State today transmitthe Secretary of the Treasury on his com- iron ore, wool, lumber, salt and silplaint against the action of United States ver lead ore are now on the free list The United States is at present engaged, authorities at New York in refusing to as the bill stands. The duty on tin plate recognize certificates issued to Chinese is reduced from 22-10 to 1 per cent. Chinese inspector at New York, has ques- shows that a majority of one will favor a eral in question to such an extent as to about an income tax to put in its place a ment, that, to put it mildly, the Chinese ticular as he should be in issuing his corthat Chinese who have presented at New York certificates stating that they were "actors," "students" or "merchants," were of the Venezuela Steam Transportation Company, a New York corporation, which had a franchise for operating on the Orinoco river and tributaries, and whose diswere those who desired to learn the English language in Chinese laundries. Most of the Chinamen, it is of the Chinese exclusion act are permit-ted to pass through the United States to Havana. There they obtain certificates, and armed with them, enter the United States by way of Key West, Fla., and New York. It is said that the Secretary of the Treasury bases his defense of the practice at New York on these allegations, with the suggestion that a correction of the imposition alleged will result in a change in

MORE BATTLE SHIPS.

Also an Increase of Torpedo Boats

Favored by Secretary Herbert. sity of powerful fighting ships for the United States navy. His views on this subject are well known and it is understood that his on the retired list, forthcoming report to Congress will embody a recommendation that an appropriation be made for at least one, if not two, battle ships. His recommendation for battle ships is likely to be coupled with a suggestion of the District militia, returned to the city is likely to be coupled with a suggestion of the District militia, returned to the city is likely to be coupled with a suggestion of the District militia, returned to the city is likely to be coupled with a suggestion of the District militia, returned to the city is likely to be coupled with a suggestion of the District militia, returned to the city is likely to be coupled with a suggestion of the District militia, returned to the city is likely to be coupled with a suggestion of the District militia, returned to the city is likely to be coupled with a suggestion of the District militia, returned to the city is likely to be coupled with a suggestion of the District militia, returned to the city is likely to be coupled with a suggestion of the District militia, returned to the city is likely to be coupled with a suggestion of the District militia, returned to the city is likely to be coupled with a suggestion of the District militia, returned to the city is likely to be coupled with a suggestion of the District militia, returned to the city is likely to be coupled with a suggestion of the District militial militial military and the city is likely to be coupled with a suggestion of the District military and the city is likely to be coupled with a suggestion of the District military and the city is likely to be coupled with the city of the District military and the city is likely to be coupled with the city of the District military and th

Fourth-Class Postmasters.

The total number of fourth-class postmasters appointed today was fifty-two. Of this number thirty-four were to fill vacanthis number thirty-four were to fill vacan-cies caused by death and resignation and He appointed R. S. Williams of California the remainder by removals. The Virginia a Chinese inspector. Frazier, vice W. J Cosby, dead.

Tributes Paid to the Late Justice Blatchford.

MAKING THE MOST OF HIS POWERS.

The Attorney General Draws a Striking Contrast.

This was the day set apart by the Supreme Court for honoring the memory of the late Justice Blatchford, by receiving the resolutions adopted at the recent meeting of the bar held in the first week of the present term of court. After the judgments of the day had been announced, Attorney General Olney was recognized and addressed the court:

Attorney General Olney, having read the resolutions of the bar, made an address in which he spoke appreciative words of the qualities of the deceased and especially of his tireless industry and persistent application which lead him to develop his powers to the highest capacity. "If it be asked," he observed, "what was Judge Blatchford's chief characteristic as a judge, it may be said to consist in the strictly business quality of his work."

· · It satisfied his idea of judicial duty that the controversy before him was settled aright by the application of a rule of law broad enough to cover that case. Thus, if he was not brilliant, he was safe; if he did not make large contributions to the science of jurisprudence, he won respect for the law and its administration by the uniform righteousness of the results reached in actual cases.

"It must add to our admiration of Judge Blatchford that he toiled assiduosuly, both at the bar and on the bench, not from necessity, but from choice; that the allurements of an ample fortune neither belittered his aims nor benumbed his energies, and that in his hands wealth was but the supplement and ald to an industry and and that in his hands wealth was but the supplement and aid to an industry and zeal rarely excelled even under the spur of poverty. His orderly, prosperous and placid career, notable in itself, is even more so by contrast with that of his colleague on the bench, whose death preceded his own by only a few months.

Judge Blatchford rose to the highest of professional honors by unswervingly tread-

professional honors by unswervingly tread-ing the beaten path of the law and by a regularly graduated ascent, every stage of which, from country lawyer to city lawyer, from district judge to circuit judge and from circuit judge to judge of the Supreme Court, was in natural and logical succession.

A Contrast Drawn.

Mr. Justice Lamar, on the other hand, was called to the like honors after a career of extraordinary vicissitudes, in which the life of the camp and the battle field alternated with that of the forum and the husstings; almost without probation as a legal practitioner; but with a thorough theoretical and practical knowledge of great and leader of men.

And nothing could better illustrate the this high tribunal than the fact that, notwithstanding their wholly diverse training and experience, each of them found here a fitting field for his own peculiar gifts and attainments and each in his own line proved himself an accession and an ornament

I have the honor to ask that the resointions of the Bar be spread upon the records of the court."

Chief Justice Fuller, receiving the resolu-

tions, paid a tribute to the thorough equip-ment which the deceased possessed as a judge, and specially dwelt upon his grasp of the original principles and the details in maritine and patent law. In conclusion take up our burdens again.

scious of the absence of the relief his par-ticipation should have afforded, but reeling, as to him, the truthfulness of the thought: "Above all, believe it, the sweetest canti-

cle is nunc dimittis, when a man hath obtained worthy ends and expectations." The minutes and resolutions of the bar and the remarks of the Attorney General will be entered on our records, and as a further mark of respect the court will ad-

A LIBERAL FREE LIST.

The Probable Result of the Tariff Bill Now in Preparation.

Up to date the advocates in the ways and means committee of an extended free list Report of the Secretary of the Treas- are in control and the chances are that the very liberal free list which is now contained in the rough draft of the ted to the Chinese minister the report of bill will be retained. Pig tin, coal,

question of an income tax and a canvass small tax on incomes above \$4,000. An effort is being made by those who are doubtful the past few days. The advocates of this proposition expected to have a majority in the committee and though the indica-tions are against them now they still hope to win over one or two members to their

To Increase the Gold Reserve. A plan has just been perfected whereby the gold reserve of the treasury may be increased to its legal limit of \$100,000,000. This is to be accomplished by means of an understanding with the banks of New York whereby they are to increase the proportion of gold in their deposits with the New York subtreasury to cover the certified checks that are presented by importers in payment of customs duties. It is the system now in vogue for the banks to keep special deposits at the subtreasury for this use, and heretofore the gold has not averaged more than 1 per cent. The bulk of payments are made in treasury notes. As the deficit in the gold reserve now is only \$15,000,000, and the associated banks of New York have on hand fully \$90,000,000, it is thought that this scheme, which is a result of the recent visit of the Secretary to New York, will be curried through.

Officers to Be Promoted.

The President has approved the recommendation of the naval examination board for the promotion of all the officers recently examined, viz.: Paymaster Bache, Assistant Paymasters Lovell, Philips and Heap, Passed Assistant Paymasters Gait and Michley, Assistant Engineer Matthews and Ensigns Dashiell, Safford and Rodman. Chief Engineer McKean was found to be defective in hearing and he has been placed

Personal Mention. that half a dozen torpedo boats are also saturday evening from his hunting lodge needed as valuable auxiliaries in time of in the Alleghany mountains, where he has in the Alleghany mountains, where he has been deer hunting for the past month.

> Secretary Carlisle this morning accepted the resignation of George W. Lyon, sur-

A Rumor That He is Ill Again Revived.

No Basis Can Be Found for It Except That He Remains at Woodley so Much.

The President's continued absence from the White House has revived the report that he is not in good health and cannot stand the strain of official business as well as he did during his first term. The report is denied by Private Secretary Thurber and other friends of the President, who say that NO PRECEDENT KNOWN. ne does not come to the White House every day for the simple reason that he finds he can accomplish more work by remaining at Woodley.

His Coming Message. Although he is considering the subject of his message to Congress, he will not be able to begin its actual preparation until he has received the reports of the business of the different departments, now being prepared by the members of his cabinet. The actual work of preparing the message will hardly take more than a week after the President has received the necessary data. Mr. O'Brien, the President's stenographer, whose services are usually required in the preparation of executive documents, continues his duties at the White House and has not yet been summoned to the President's rural retreat.

Ground for the Rumor. So far as can be learned the only basis for the report that the President is ill is that he does not come into town except on cabinet days and will not then see visitors except in extreme cases.

NOT A GREAT SUM

Will Be Demanded for Bering Sea Sealing Seisures.

The question of claims arising out of the seizure of British sealing vessels in Bering sea prior to the modus vivendi of 1891 is now the subject of negotiation between Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British minister, and touching the Hawaiian matter. Neverthe-Secretary Gresham. There are two modes of settling claims of this character. One is news brought by the Pacific mail steamer by a joint or mixed commission, or by a China. Secretary Gresham listened to the passenger agent of the Pennsylvania rail- was totally unexpected by naval officers. tries. In the present case the latter will, no doubt, be chosen. The amount of indemnity claimed by the Canadian government will not exceed \$508,006, although recent tele-grams from British Columbia state that claims aggregating a million dollars have been filed with the dominion authorities at Ottawa. The claims will be rigidly scrutinized, both by the Secretary of State and the British ambassador. The sum agreed upon will not probably exceed \$300,000, as in most cases the vessels were small and not expensively built expensively built.

OUT FROM THE WEST.

Capt. Hassler Comes With Bright Predictions for the Future of Enid.

Capt. Hassler, late chief clerk of the Department of the Interior and now receiver of public moneys at Enid, Oklahoma, was revisiting his old stamping ground today. The department folks gathered around the captain and were regaled with wild west wide scope and variety of the functions of town, but wait till you hear from Enid." The captain declares that most of the alleged lawlessness of the section to which he now owes allegiance has not had any existence in fact. Enid is a town of 4,500 inhabitants, two dance halls and several other collateral places of amusement, but for all that a fairly self-respecting and God-fearthink that a single "sooner" got in his work excepting to play the time-honored dodge of squatting and then seiling out. None are registered in the Cherokee strip.

Corps.

Major Thomas H. Handbury will transfer

The following changes have been ordered in the stations and duties of officers of the corps of engineers:

temporarily to First Lieut. Harry Taylor the works of fortifications and river and take station at Louisville, Ky., relieving First Lieut. Hirain M. Chittenden of the duties to Lieut, Col. Garrett J. Lydecker (who will thereupon voluntarily relinquish his sick leave of absence), and will then proceed to London, England, and report in person to the ambassador of the United States, relieving Major James C. Post from duty as military attache to the United States embassy in that city. Major Post will proceed to and take station at Port-land, Oreg., relieving First Lieut. Harry Taylor of the duties pertaining to the works

in this city, will proceed to Willets Point, New York, and report in person to Lieut. Col. William R. King, corps of engineers, for duty at that post and with the battal-ion of engineers, relieving Capt, Richard L. Hoxie, corps of engineers. Capt. Hoxie on being thus relieved will proceed to and take station at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and perform such duties con-nected with works of river and harbor im-provements in that locality as may be as-

signed him by the chief of engineers. What is Wanted for \$900.

vacancy in the position of forestry clerk. Department of Agriculture, at \$900. The subjects of the examination will be formulation of a letter from notes, writing from dictation in shorthand, typewriting in English and German from manuscript, trans-lation from German of technical forestry literature, with proper use of terms; index ing from German and English forestry literature, and briefing of technical forestry articles (German and English). On the 28th instant there will be an examination to fill a vacancy in the position of assistant in the division of botany, \$1,200. The subjects of the examination will be orthography, penmanship, copying, writing, botany, languages (translations from Latin, German and French to Enfrom Latin, German and French to Er glish). Residents of the District of Colum

bia will not be eligible, unless there should e a failure of applicants. Admiral Brown on the Texas. Admiral Brown, who is in command at the Norfolk navy yard, was at the Navy Department today. He ridicules the story of her boilers. The admiral said: "The next thing we will hear, if this goes on, is that the bottom of the Texas is worm eaten (The bottom of the ship is of steel.) The extent of the damage was a settlement of wo small braces about one-sixteenth of an nch and a slight buckling. Because it is difficult to get at the place it may cost as much as \$200 to straighten them out and put in some additional supports.

Commander O. F. Heyerman has been ordered to hold himself in readiness to take command of the Kearsarge, relieving Com-mander A. S. Crowinshield, who will be placed on waiting orders.

To Command the Kearsarge.

It was confidently expected that more over the world will watch keenly the comlight would be thrown today on the admerce destroyer's performance in this reministration policy towards Hawaii, espe-

cially with regard to Minister Willis' instructions for the overthrow of the provisional government and the re-establishment of the Kanaka queen. It was rumored that Secretary Gresham would issue a statement making that point clear, but he did not do so. Secretary Gresham Late in Arriving.

State Department Officials Preserve

an Impenetrable Silence.

NO LIGHT ON THE HAWAIIAN POLICY.

Given to Minister Willis.

He was very busy and remained in the seclusion of his innermost sanctum nearly all day. He did not reach the department until 11:15 o'clock and it was rumored that this unusual tardiness was due to an early visit he had paid to the President at Woodley." The latter did not come into the city today and no one at the State Department would say where the Secretary had spent the morning. A Star reporter caught Secretary Gresham about noon as he was walking rapidly through the corridors from a brief conference with Secretary Herbert to another with Secretary Lamont. "I have nothing whatever to say for pub-

lication," said he, "and so far as I know nothing in regard to the Hawaiian situation will be given out today.'

Officials Won't Talk. The officials of the State and Navy Departments maintain an impenetrable reserve reading of the dispatch, but positively declined to discuss its contents. Secretary Herbert was equally uncommunicative. It appears that the people in Hawaii were in ignorance of the intentions of this government up to the date of the sailing of the steamer, notwithstanding the fact that Minister Willis had been three days at his post. From the peculiar manner in which the correspondent's surmises were received by persons in a position to know the actual program outlined for Minister Willis' guidance, rather than from any definite utter-ance, there is ground for suspicion that the Hawaiians have not fathomed his real inentions. In fact there is some reason to

doubt whether Mr. Willis was to present

even his credentials to the provisional government. A Direct Query Not Responded to. A direct query propounded to the State Department officials as to whether the Dale or to the queen failed to elicit a restories. He said: "Washington is a great sponsive answer. This recalls the fact that the life of the provisional government is supposed to depend upon the action of the United States government upon the anrexation or protectorate propositions. In some quarters it is surmised that Minister Willis will assume that a notice from him to President Dale, upon the authority of President Cleveland, to the effect that and definitely rejected all proposals looking to either annexation or the establish ment of a protectorate will be the death warrant of the provisional government of do so. registered in the Cherokee strip. The town of Perry, close to the border of the Indian territory, the captain says, is the Paris of the strip, but the future of Enid is radiant with promise.

Important Changes in the Engineer

warrant of the provisional government of Hawaii, and, regarding that government of the distribution as defunct, the minister will present his credentials to the queen, or at least open diplomatic relations with her majesty. It is believed that all doubt on this score might have been removed had the China remained at Honolulu another day. As it is the next news that will come to know the next news that will come to hand will be brought to San Francisco by the steamer Australia, which sailed from Honolulu last Saturday and is due in San Fran-

cisco next Saturday. Are There Any Precedents? "There seem to be no precedents for the action of this government in inaugurating less prevalent in harbor improvements in his charge and will a movement to re-establish Liliuokalani on attention is paid to them. the throne of Hawaii. It is one of those cases, apparently, from which precedents spring. In short, the situation is unique," works in his temporary charge.

Major William Ludlow will transfer his said a veteran diplomat to a Star reporter this morning on this subject. "It is altogether an extraordinary situation, and in all my experience, in China, Japan, France and the West Indies, I never saw anything that equaied it. This government certainly had no parallel to go upon, and so it had to devise a course of action. Personally, I think that the so-called revolutionists in Hawaii are a band of usurpers and that the monarchy should be restored. As a lawyer I should say that the case is scarcetemporarily in his charge.

Capt. William T. Rossell, now stationed by covered by any of the tenets of international law. Great Britain may resent the interference of the United States, but not by virtue of any established custom, for the part played by the American inter-ests at the time of the overthrow complicates the situation." Aside from this view there seems to be a feeling around the State Department that there are so few guides for action that the time has come for the United States to

take the bit in their teeth and go ahead. Minister Willis' Alleged Instructions. When Uncle Sam wants a man for an the administration in its foreign policy now through the heavy republican snow-drifts office he usually wants a prodigy of learn- says that Minister Willis has been ining. This is demonstrated by the examina- structed not only to repudiate the present fore the elections of November a year ago," hoped the admiral would remain until Hation that is to be held by the civil service provisional government of Hawali, but to commission on the 21st instant to fill a employ the United States naval forces in bringing about the restoration of the queen.

THE POSTAL NOTE.

Probable Recommendation That It Be Done Away With.

It is quite probable that the postal note business will be merged in the money order system. First Assistant Postmaster General Frank H. Jones suggests it. The postal note was introduced in 1883, by the Post Office Department, to take the place of the fractional paper currency withdrawn from circulation. To popularize it, a fee smaller than the money order fee, on amounts up to \$4.99, is charged the public in the purchase of the same. It seems, thinks the first assistant postmaster general, unnecessary and confusing to wo systems so nearly alike for the transmission of money by the department and be applied to money orders, on amounts Department today. He ridicules the story of serious damage sustained by the battle ship Texas recently through the settlement er efficiency of the service and a saving of time to postmasters and the department to withdraw the postal notes and provide better facilities, if need be, to the prompter return and scrutiny of postmaster's money order accounts. If the postal note is to be retained, it will be recommended to Con-gress that the existing law be so amended that said notes may be issued payable to a instead of as at present, to bearer at any money order office. Such change would re-move the present objection of insecurity in the note, and would greatly increase its popularity and convenience.

Report on Rapid Firing Guns The naval board which investigated the

merits of the Hotchkiss, the Driggs-

DEPARTMENTAL METHODS THE DEAD JURIST. THE PRESIDENT'S HEALTH. THEY WILL NOT TALK COLUMBIA'S TRIAL.

Everything Ready for the Test to Take Place Thursday.

The New Cruiser Expected to Make r Big Record-The Guests Invited - Triple Screws.

Considerable interest is taken in this city Rumored Instructions That Were in the official speed trial of the triple-screw cruiser Columbia, otherwise known as "the Pride of the District," and "the Gem of the Ocean," which will take place off the coast of Massachusetts Thursday, wind and weather permitting. This trial involves not THE GOVERNMENT CONFIDENT only the question of speed, but also the efficacy of the triple screw as a successful means of propulsion, and naval men all

> The brave ship left Philadelphia Saturday morning and is due at Boston today. She is in the best of hands and her builders are and 20 minutes, which is the fastest time confident of her breaking the record. She is ever made between Honolulu and San Franmanned by the same sturdy set of sailors cisco. Among her passengers is Admiral who have directed the movements of a doz- Skerrett, who has been relieved at Honolulu en vessels to victory. Capt. R. W. Sargent by Rear Admiral Irwin. is in command and Edwin S. Cramp will

> have charge of her machinery, assisted by lulu, writing under date of November 1, Lewis Nixon, chief of construction. Then she carries in her coal bunkers 1,160 tons of coal, of which over five hundred tons are the best Pocahontas hand-picked from the coal fields of Virginia, which will be reserved for use when the great racer takes her dash over the measured route. takes her dash over the measured route. This course will be the same over which the cruiser New York made such a splendid

> Starting at a point northeast of Cape Ann, it extends northeast to a point off Cape Ann, it extends northeast to a point off Cape Porpoise, a distance of about forty-four miles. This course must be steamed over twice. The cruiser's contract calls for twenty-one knots per hour maintained for four consecutive hours, and for each quarter knot in ex-cess of this the Messrs. Cramp will receive take command of the forces at this station a premium of \$50,000.

The Guests. The guests on the trip from Philadelphia ing. The reason for this change can only were Assistant Secretary of the Navy William McAdoo, Capt. George Sumner, who order to have the intended measures inless they showed a lively interest in the will command the Columbia when she goes itiated by officers of higher rank than that into commission; James R. Wood, general of an admiral. Admiral Irwin's coming road; Congressman Henry H. Bingham of here, excepting those highest in command. Pennsylvania; Col. McAlpin, Lieut. Sutherland, U. S. N., and Chief Engineer Cipriano Andrade, who will be chief engineer of the Columbia.

> Comment A. Griscom, president of the In-ternational Navigation Company; Walter S. Cramp and Congressman Meyer of New Jer-The naval officers selected by Secretary
> Herbert to conduct the official trial of the Rear Admiral George E. Belknap is president of the board, which is composed of the

Commodore John G. Walker, Capt. Edmund O. Matthews, Chief Engineer Edward Farmer, Commander Philip N. Cooper, Commander Francis A. Cook, Lieut. Commander Joseph N. Hemphill, Naval Constructor Joseph Feaster, Lieut. Lazarus L. Reamey, recorder.

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CONSUL FOWLER EXPLAINS. Why He Sent No Report of Vital Sta-

tistics. The Department of State, thinking that Consul Fowler, at Ningpo, China, had overlooked the matter of furnishing the marine hospital service weekly health re-

Consul Fowler replied that the desired information cannot be given by the consul or health authorities at Ningpo for these

The Chinese keep no statistics, require no permits for the burial of the dead and lay no stress upon the cause of death. It prevalent than usual that the foreigner learns of it, and then only by his personal observations These two scourges are always more or less prevalent in China, but hardly any

The Chinese have

sanitary laws, and it is not an uncommon sight to see corpses of cholera victims ex-posed to the view of the passers-by for hours, if not for days. The statistics of this office, which, of course, refer only to American citizens, show that during the past ten years there have been seven deaths, of which six were from cholers. The average number per year of Americans in this district is seventy. Probably the provisional government of Hawaii has but one course to pursue in meeting and arranging for the future government of the islands, acknowledged.

to show that it is not from carelessness, but from inability, that the reports desired have not been submitted.

MR. DOCKERY'S EXPLANATION. He Says the Business Depression Was

Unjustly Charged to Democrats. "It was the business depression, upjustly

charged to our account," said Representative Dockery to a Star reporter today, referring to the cause of the recent demo-A gentleman who in the past has shown cratic defeat. He is just back from Misan intimate knowledge of the purposes of souri, having managed to force his way cabinet. The admiral bade the President in Ohio. "That depression commenced behe continued, "and it aided the downfall of Mr. Harrison's administration. Continuing in Honolulu through so much of the recent trouble.

Mr. Harrison's administration. Continuing to gather force during the summer it overwhelmed the dominant party.

"However," he added, "I think that a lack of party spirit among the democrats contributed to the cause which brought about our discomfiture. I expected a cudgeling, but I did not think we would be overwhelmed in that fashion."

THE CHINA'S QUICK PASSAGE. A Regret Felt That She Cannot Fly the American Flag.

The record-breaking passage between Honolulu and San Francisco just made by the steamer China causes the Navy Department officials to keenly regret that the ship is not under American registry, and therefore is unavailable as a naval reserve diately assumed command. ship. In the last Congress a bill was introduced which permitted this splendid steamer to register under the United States laws and fly the American flag, as did the New York and Paris, but the bill, although strongly indorsed by naval officials, failed of action by Congress, mainly owing to the free ship advocates, who seek the passage of a general law instead of special acts of this kind.

A Strike at Strikes. The reports of the various divisions of the Post Office Department are now coming

out. They were all submitted in time to they have been used in this way, they are open-hearted, generous, simple people, being released by the department for publication. The report of Superintendent White of the railway mail service contains a recommendation for the passage of a bill making it unlawful for any association the remainder by removals. The Virginia appointments were as follows: Alonzaville, Isaac Swartz, vice B. F. Coffelt, resigned; Oranda, M. M. Orndorf, vice P. M. Hottel, resigned; Rockbridge Alum Springs, J. A. Frazier, vice W. J. Cosby, dead.

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QUIET AT HONOLULU.

The Hawaiians Waiting to Hear Secretary Gresham's Policy.

MINISTER WILLIS WITHHOLDS ORDERS

Royalists Are Depressed, but Predict Triumph.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13 .- The steamer China, which left Honolulu November 7, arrived in port this morning. Her officers eport that all was quiet when they left. The steamer left Honolulu on the 7th instant, making the trip in five days, 14 hours The United Press correspondent at Hono-

says:

"The main event of the week has been the arrival on the 4th of American Minister Albert S. Willis, who is believed to have brought with him instructions which fundamentally affect the future of Hawaii. It is supposed here that the American public is already informed of the nature of these instructions. We here are still ignorant of their nature, and all parties await disclosure with great anxiety. The probability of the importance of Mr. Willis' mission is increased by the unexpected arrival of in place of Admiral Skerrett, who proceeds to San Francisco on the China this morn-

be a matter of surmise; it is possibly in here, excepting those highest in command.

Minister Willis is to present his credentials to President Dole this morning. His intended address has already been submitted to the president in order to enable him to prepare his reply. Its contents are kept strictly secret. I have positively ascertained that it contains no definite intimation whatever of the policy to be pursued by the new American minister.

Mr. Willis' special communications to this government will follow later, possibly in time to be reported by the mail of the 11th, The government party is confident that the

The government party is confident that the Washington policy is to maintain here

white man's government, with no possibility of reviving the native monarchy.

The royalists betray great depression, but are still circulating among the native populace their boast that the queen is to be immediately restored by Mr. Willie. mediately restored by Mr. Willis.
On his way down Mr. Willis made a most fellow-passengers, including several pronent men. While strictly reticent as to his mission, he left in them a strong impression that he sympathized with the annexation

T. H. Davies, guardian of Kajulana, also arrived on the 4th instant. On the passage over Mr. Davies disavowed the widely published statements imputed to him in favor of the restoration of the queen. Since his arrival his tone has been somewhat depre-catory and pleading, as if he felt the hope-lessness of the restoration of the monarchy. He is deeply concerned that no injustice be done Hawalians by taking their country from them without their consent by vote. The Canadlan-Australian steamer Miowera is still on the rocks at the entrance to the harbor, but she will probably the weather continues favorable.

In an interview Minister Willis emphati-cally declared that any rumors regarding his mission or instructions were positively unfounded and that nothing authe be done until he communicated officially with the provisional government. When asked as to whether the arrival of Admiral Irwin had any political significance the minister said he was compelled to de-

cline an answer to that question. Return to Monarchy Out of the Question.

In an editorial, the Commercial Advertiser says: "It is probable that after Minister Willis presents his credentials an understanding will be had when the official consultation will be held, at which time the policy and terms of the negotiations with this government will be formally opened by the United States minister. "The provisional government of Hawaii

has but one course to pursue in meeting Americans in this district is seventy. Propably the whole number of foreigners in the district is 500. The native population is variously estimated at from 25,000,000 to 35,stored by some unexpected and improbable means it could not last. The old historical axiom that revolutions cannot go backward could not be violated in the case of Hawaii without grave and serious con-sequences. This, however, is not expected.

The conservative interests of the people who really represent the Hawaiian Island and own 7 per cent of the business interests of the country would very likely refuse their consent to such a course. would settle the cause of restoration Admiral Skerrett's Departure. On the 1st instant, Admiral Skerrett took formal farewell of President Dole and his good-bye in a few well chosen words and the president responded saying he had

When the admiral arrived at the execu tive building the troops of the provisional government were drawn up along the drive-way gate to the building. The bands played "America" as the admiral passed in and when he emerged he was greeted with the 'Star Spangled Banner. Admiral Skerrett and his staff called on Minister Willis the day before the China sailed. The same afternoon Mr. Willis, ac-companied by Consul General Mills, returned Admiral Skerrett's call. On leaving the Philadelphia, Minister Wil-is was accorded the usual salute. From

the Philadelphia Minister Willis and the consul general went over to the Adams and after a brief stay on board came ashore.

Admiral Irwin on his arrival at Honolulu went on board the Philadelphia and imme-NEW YORY, Nov. 13.—A special from Denver says: "What Secretary Gresham has to say in his letter on the Hawalian situa-tion is absolutely correct," said Mr. F. M. English, ex-secretary to Queen Littuckalar

who has been stopping here since the queen was deposed. There will be rejoicing in Hawali when this news is received. The Americans in Honolulu will be disappointed, and I sup pose we cannot blame them. All the res pose we cannot blame them. the city and most assuredly all the rest of the island will be glad. The merchanis aside from the land-owning Americans want the queen restored. Annexation would boom land values and so work rich benefit to the descendants of missionaries who have be incorporated in the reports of the as-bought shamefully cheap all the land of the sistant postmaster general and now that you were to express admiration for any thing owned by a native he would immed jately insist on giving it to you.

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